

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

Executive Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 7:30 pm

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. This Meeting was included in a list of meeting notices sent to the Bergen Record and advertised in said newspaper, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan - present
Council Member Orseck – present
Council Member Nogara - absent

Council Member Pazan - present
Council Member Surrago - present
Council Member Martin – present

Mayor van Keuren – present
Robert Garibaldi, Borough Attorney – present
Lenora Benjamin, Borough Administrator – absent
Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk – present

Mayor – introduced Gary Stevens.

Dog Park

Gary Stevens 499 S. Maple Ave - own two rescue dogs, it's about time we have a dog park in town. Zit would help enforce lease laws, license laws, in talking with residents in town several locations popped up. Sycamore Park not used that much, dead end street and lack of parking so think that's not a good location. Memorial park but parking is a problem most people will not go into the park during the winter and the ball fields are constantly being used in the nice weather. Location behind recycling area, think about safety no visibility back there parking could be a problem during pool season, ball fields and kids. The other park is the opposite the post office, you would need to work on drainage and remove trees, also the parking is an issue other than weekend. So what I came up with is Veterans park, the objections I heard about that is it Veterans park. There is parking on one side of the park is railroads, no houses to disturb. One side smaller dogs the other side larger dog. I would like to see this dedicated to services dogs with a statue. I also spoke with Congressman Garrett. They would like to hear from the town not a resident. They would possible get a military honor guard and services dogs there for the opening.

Council Member Surrago – did they offer funding?

Gary – they put me in touch with a Bobby Grant for grant funding. If dedicated to the service dogs there is possible funding for that.

Council Member Martin – asked what is the approx. cost and size.

Council Member Orseck – asked about the size of Fair Lawn's.

Gary – uses Ridgewood. Kennel Association recommends 1 acre. Maybe you could ask the veterinarian in town the groomers and dog walkers if they would like to contribute. Also the poop bags you can get some donations for the advertising on the bags. Thinks it's a great location and about time that we have one.

Council Member Pazan – why would have one.

Gary – so the dog can run freely off the lease. The need to socialize, exercise and run. You come out any Saturday, Sunday morning and you will see a number of dogs running of the field. And I don't think that you should have kids running on the fields where dogs poop.

Council Member O'Hagan – we would need to find out the cost and check out the location.

Gary – maybe call Ridgewood and ask them about the cost.

Eileen Hillock – 355 Dunham Pl. – my daughter thought about doing a dog park for her Gold Award. She did a ton of research, she did all the paperwork with cost had a petition signed with 800 signature.

Gary – the problem is no one can agree where to put it.

Eileen – don't think its offensive for Vet Park. There were dogs that died at 911. Sure you would be able to get sponsors.

Gary – when there is a 911 event you just close the dog park.

Faber Field Project

Mayor – introduced Bob Van Langen –

Bob Van Langen 62 Concord Ave. – Faber Field Project

Why we came together, what's our mission, what do we do now. The committee you would hear a lot of dissenting opinions. The new mission and cost what options best suit the long term need

Bob Van Langen, Scott King, Eileen Hillock Sean Brennan Jim Treacy – members of the committee.

Field Utilization, baseball, softball, lacrosse football, kickball, cheerleading, rec.soccer, shooting stars soccer and all GRHS sports.

Input was solely based on data from each group. It is understood that this input could be inflated.

Conclusion are not appropriately utilized at current levels.

Determined that option should be pursued.

Schools & Borough contemplate putting in place a plan

One thing to think about we do not have a full season of our whole new environment,
Changes that are directly part of the equation, completed upper multipurpose field at GRHS
lights by fall.

Completed turfed lower multi-purpose soccer and lacrosse field at GRHS

Concepts not previously executed.

Plan to rest the fields

Reallocations of practices to better utilize all fields.

Limited use Facilities.

Perhaps not every field needs to be adaptable to every sport.

See Capacity matrix.

How do other towns control capacity

Ridgewood uses portable lights

Centralized and preapproved control system

Charges and fees for field usage

Surfaces that match the usage.

Wanted to show what fields get used,

Field Usage Capacity Evaluations.

Basic Overall Project Assumption

We went through the exercise of measuring the real capacity of all the fields. And we are very close to it.

A plan to ensure safety and usage

Plan to ensure financial stability of field

Alternative to renovations

Upper Faber will facilitate football, soccer, lacrosse and baseball all under lights

Entire lower complex as an artificial turf all-purpose field

Entire lower complex as a natural grass field.

Alternatives for Renovations analysis

Entire lower Complex broken into 2 places

Doremus Field – grass field used exclusively for soccer and lacrosse games

Brookfield – renovated and established turf field suitable for soccer, lacrosse and football only.
No baseball

We took all the number from the engineer and worked them up. With turf you need to get rid of a lot of dirt and the site cost is approx. \$300,000 difference

See attached.

Bob Van Langen – one alternative we are facing is perverse as it sounds is to do nothing, not forget, but for now to the end of the year, while we determine the use on Faber field at what's happens as a result of Coleman being done, so then do you want to wait a year from now to see the usage and have better hours to actually work with some 20 20 hind sight. If Faber isn't used for everything, to force practices on other fields.

Mayor – remarkable presentation, think you did a heck of a job.

Bob – hopefully we have stuck to what we said that we would do, to give you alternative that's would work and we have a better choice of options.

Mayor – one of the prime things is usage and managing the usage and to me that meant the existence of current programs and new programs that will come.

Bob – the kickball program the level of wear and tear not use there would be much with the age level.

Council Member O'Hagan – maybe at Sycamore you could get two teams to practice and Main Street is small field we could allocate to small people.

Eileen – field behind Radburn wasn't even mentioned.

Allen Bronner 522 Doremus Ave.– given four options and I believe there is a fifth or sixth scenario out there. We don't want to spend the money, come up with the fifth and sixth and then have the people vote. I have four questions that weren't addressed.

Bob – best analysis through down more grass seed. More of us live in Glen Rock way to long the lower soccer field concept of dead dirt. The Brookside field is dead dirt, it cost a fortune to just get rid of dirt. Had conversations, we weren't given the task to reinvent the wheel.

Allen – if you don't address it the voter will address it again.

Different things that occur below the ground and 50% of this cost will be the same. The cost come out a lot closer, the difference with the refurbish.

Sean Brennan 73 Concord Ave. – there is another one option our assumption was to keep

Allen – why are we renting the field out to private sports. I would like to see the fifth and six and you would have less people complain about it.

Eileen – what would be 5th or 6th?

Allen – slow progression for the fifth and the sixth do nothing.

Jeff Schafer 47 Ridge Rd. - Were you all in consensus with this? Did the environmental concerns have a play in this?

Bob – no we left part out of this recommendation. We know that there are at least 2 or 3 tiers of turf. But that was not in the preview. We evaluated just the cost. All those cost will come out with the real bids.

Eileen – where does your concern lay?

Jeff – just the lead up to the entire referendum.

Eileen – there was a lot of passion,

Mayor – was there anyone on your committee with an environmental backing.

Bob – yes, Scott King who is on the environmental commission.

Sean – our goal wasn't to force feed this, everything is fact based.

Council Member O'Hagan – the entire landscape has changed since then, with the BOE fields being done.

Eileen – which I think was part of the problem with the referendum it wasn't addressed.

Council Member O'Hagan – thanked you all for all your work.

Bob – we did go through the components, two primary construction options, turf and grass, we did to the lights and baseball we through every line item and said should this be here. There are just something that you just can't do without. Even if we rested Brookside the problem is drainage. The pitch is huge in the all grass alternative \$250,000 for drainage. We did actually look at all this items. \$120,000 for unclassified excavation. You know how it got to where it is. So this situations doesn't happen again.

Council Member Orseck – we did rest the fields and it didn't really make of a difference.

Bob – we have addressed usage and types of usage. One thing on the list is to evaluated all the different usage and how to reallocate. How do we deal with renovation grass and everyone worse time to play on the field in spring when the grass is growing.

Mayor –outstanding committee.

Public Comment -

Allen Bronner – fairness we have a situations in town senior housing 50% of the people that live there never lived in town and we are subsidizing their rent, we have a situations that we give pool passes to our volunteers. We have a granddaughter that spend 5 or 6 night here, so I'm told I have to pay \$10 a day to have her go as a guess. I spoke to no less than 30 people. No one is complaining. I'm willing to pay the \$70.

Council Reports -

Council Member Surrago – email and resolution about fuel usage more realistic would be 5 to 8 %. We challenged Bobby with a few things. Bio diesel fuel - cost and it does gel in the winter months. Maybe use only in the summer months, every new diesel vehicle don't admit the smoke like the old ones. There are no small trucks on for replacement, next year maybe requesting pickup that is a hybrid. Paul Sharar is here if anyone has questions. We would like to adopt next week.

Council Member O'Hagan – thank you for redoing it, my only issue is that we must do this, what if we don't how that does affect you?

Paul Sharar – other town didn't make the 20% reduction of CO2 so it's important for our submission for June that we have this one in hand, we want to put forward that we are going to make our best effort.

Council Member Surrago – the members realize we can't do what other towns do, due to the size.

Mayor – in the recommendations for developing a green team. Switching engines off longer than 10 seconds.

Paul – if we think about turning off our motors maybe we should shut it off. Could that be removed without danger I think it could.

Mayor – maybe 30 seconds. Now Therefore, hire the services of professional organization and or. That says to me without any approval from the council. Can we reword that with more clarity?

Council Member Pazan – the fuel usage tracking system is that something we need to buy.

Council Member Surrago – we were looking at something, our system is 25 yrs. old. We held off on investing on new pumps, until we make that investment we are going to hold off on that.

Council Member Pazan - if you take a look at police vehicles in 2014 we now have motorcycles, that is to our advantage, how can you actually the miles of the police, need to make sure that information is accurate.

Paul - that's why we would need an updated system.

Council Member Surrago – asked that we take a final run through on paving we went through all the streets again Dean Clifton Warren and Leigh, Chadwick, Driscoll Ellsworth, Greenway Pembroke South Highwood waiting on drainage Griswold Kenmore Harding Ackerman to Hamilton next year van Allen Dunham

We are meeting to revisit recycling yard waste and bulk pickup.

In 1990 4,000 tons of household garbage and now dropped by more than 1/3

Mayor – about a month ago giveaway program that involved little trees being given away. Well I was given three and they all made it.

Council Member Orseck – Aqua racers that asked for a huge block of time and Mark and Lenora discussed it that they could use Saturday and Sunday 6 am to 8 am.

Mark Barone – Monday – Friday to rent 3 lanes from 8am to 10 am all summer. Wyckoff y we went to them from 6 am – 8 am last day July 31 and they already paid up front. Once they leave we are open from 8am

Learn to swim can share lanes, Aqua racer would like to reserve those lanes from 8 to 10 am.

Council Member Orseck – you recommended Saturday – Sunday from 6 am to 8 am only.

Council Member O’Hagan – that’s a lot of revenue. We should dismiss. If there is a way they could use without overlapping. Is there any way we can come with anything more than just Saturday & Sunday.

Mark – Friday – Sunday 8 – 10 pm we offered them. They are looking for 7 days a week. They would start the 1st full week we are open. Run this by Tom Wilson and he is also a little hesitate.

Mayor – sound like the potential of \$19,000 worth of grief. Why do outside get use and we don’t.

Council Member O’Hagan – explain how many lanes.

Mark Barone – 8 lanes for lap swim we set up 3 lanes the middle of the pool. Lanes 1 -3 are the slow lanes. 4 5 & 6 are designated lanes. When learn to swim we given them lane 7. Maybe for lap we use half lanes verse full lane. We also charge extra for resident to lap swim early morning.

Council Member Pazan – if next year you want to change that ok, but people paid for lap swim and we should keep that.

Council Member Martin – agree.

Council Member O’Hagan – disagree

Council Member Orseck - will go with recommendation Sat & Sun

Council Member Surrago – yes

Council Member Pazan – hoopla, TV shows, Motown music, audio books, trying to restart the chamber offered the services to have the meeting down stairs, readathon results announced, thanked all the parents’ friends and families.

Public Comment –

Naomi Grammora – clear cutting ordinance. Any questions about that.

Mayor – talk about that at next work session

Paul – green team members

Emerson Road – committee working on this deciding on what to do. Limit to one side.

No parking when snow covered, but to just shove no parking the entire day

Council Member Martin – we feel that their just needs to be a little more consensus on the street.

Naomi – 11th annual water day 60 high school students leading 5 different workshops it was great.

Jeff – will the report be available on the website.

Motion made by Council Member Pazan to close the work session

Seconded by Council Member O'Hagan

All in favor